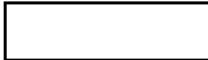


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Rep. Charles E. Chamberlain

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SUGGESTED REPLY

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Dear



I have your recent letter asking for information on the past financial involvement of the CIA with the National Student Association.

As you may recall, this matter was aired extensively in the press early in 1967 and led to the appointment of a committee and a report to the President.

I think the complete story is spelled out rather well in the articles I am enclosing - that the purpose of the funding was to thwart the domination of international student and youth groups by forces covertly financed by Communist governments and that the Agency was acting responsibly and at the specific direction of the various administrations. Of course, the assistance to NSA has long since ceased.

Thinking it may be of interest to you, I am also enclosing a brochure on CIA which points out that it is fully accountable to both the Executive and Legislative branches and that it is not a policy making but an operating agency of our government.

Thank you for calling this matter to my attention. I hope this has been responsive to your interest.